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MARKETING YARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of marketing yards in the country including marketing yards which have been computerized, State-wise; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to computerize marketing yards so as to provide information to farmers regarding prices of agricultural produces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): There are 7465 market yards consisting of 2459 principal market yards and 5006 sub-markets yards as on 31.3.2007 in the country.Under the Central Sector Scheme of Marketing Research & Information Network (MRIN), the Ministry of Agriculture has provided computer sets to 2902 such market yards up to 31st March 2008 in order to collect and disseminate market information (price and market related) through a portal called AGMARKNET for the benefit of the farmers and other stakeholders.State-wise details in this regard are given at Annexure.The Portal provides market-related, price-related, infrastructure-related and promotion-related information and has linkages with several related sites such as Commodity Exchanges in India, FAO, Marketing Boards,etc.AGMARKNET initiative has achieved creation of a national database comprising daily market information in respect of about 300 commodities, 2000 varieties.Presently the daily market information is accessible in 10 languages of the country.